

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 15-37 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 1, 4, 7, and 12 are amended herein to more distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. New claims 15-37 are added to further claim the subject matter of the present invention. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this response.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings, asserting that FIG. 1 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art". In response, a corrected drawing, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) is included herewith correcting FIG. 1 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the drawing objection is withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, limitations "the first data blocks" and "the second data blocks" were rejected for having insufficient antecedent basis. In response, the limitations are amended to recite "a first data block" and "one or more second data blocks." Likewise, claim 7 is amended herein to correct similar stated antecedent basis deficiencies. Applicant request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No.: 2002/0004924, to Kim et al. (hereinafter Kim) in view of U.S. Publication No.: 2006/0209765, to Li et al. (hereinafter Li). Claims 2, 8 and 10 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Claim 7 has been rewritten to capture the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Applicant submits that the combined references fail to teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended claims 1 and 7 are now allowable and request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Li in view of U.S. Patent 6,774,864 to Evans et al. (hereinafter Evans). Claim 3 has been canceled and the subject matter therein was incorporated into amended claim 4. Claim 9 has been canceled and the subject matter therein was incorporated into amended claim 12. Therefore, Applicant request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li in view of Kim. Claims 6 and 14 have been canceled. Therefore, Applicant requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner asserts claims 4, 5, 12 and 13 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly,

claim 4 was amended herein to include all the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 3. The subject matter of claim 5 was rewritten into base claim 1. Similarly, claim 12 was amended herein to include all the limitations of base claim 7 and intervening claim 9. The subject matter of claim 13 was rewritten into the limitations of base claim 7. Applicant believes that per the Examiner's suggestions, claims 1, 4, 7 and 12 are in allowable condition and the application will be allowed.

Conclusion

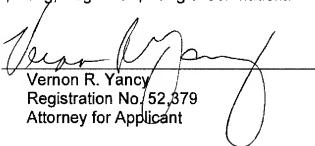
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for reconsideration on the merits, thus reexamination of the application is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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